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Use of Closed Circuit TV as a Training Medium

1. One of the Army participants in the recent management course that I took at Fort Belvoir was Brig. Gen. David P. Gibbs (who, incidentally, is a West Point classmate of Col. L. K. White), CG, USA Signal Training Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. During some informal discussions with Gen. Gibbs I learned that he makes extensive use of closed circuit TV to instruct young trainees in signal activities. He is extremely well impressed with the results obtained. He attributes this success to the fact that young trainees (17 - 19 years of age) seemed far more oriented toward TV instruction than toward other types of classroom instruction. Additionally, this technique enables the school to form trainees into relatively small groups to monitor their activities more closely.

2. Gen. Gibbs stated that he does not present taped lectures on his TV programs, preferring instead always to use live presentations. The latter, he believes, are much more impressive.

3. This information is passed along for whatever value it may have, particularly in connection with the JOT Program. The Education Committee might have some fun in kicking this idea around. Gen. Gibbs is perfectly willing to furnish any information about his program, should we desire it.

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